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Public Hearing

Senate Chamber

Tuesday, February 23, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Discussion of Charge # 12 - Review the Medicaid HCBS waivers (CBA, STAR Plus, CLASS, MDCP, DBMD, TxHmL) and develop recommendations to assure that people with significant disabilities, regardless of disability label or age, receive needed services to remain in or transition to the community.**

Invited Testimony

Panel 1- Agencies' Perspective

Chris Traylor, Commissioner, *Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services*

Tom Suehs, Commissioner, *Texas Health and Human Services Commission*

Danette Castle, Chief Executive Officer, *Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers*

Panel 2- Providers' Perspective

Anita Bradberry, Executive Director, *Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice*

Carole Smith, Executive Director, *Private Providers Association of Texas*

Elizabeth Tucker, Director of Policy Development, *EveryChild, Inc.*

Panel 3- Advocates' Perspective

Bob Kafka, Organizer, *ADAPT of Texas*

Angela Lello, Public Policy Director, *Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities*

Amanda Fredricksen, Manager of Advocacy, *AARP*

IV. Discussion of Charge #5 - Study the state's current and long-range need for physicians, nurses, dentists and other allied health and long-term care professionals.

Invited Testimony

Panel I - Current Condition of the Health Professions Workforce

Dr. Ben Raimer, Chair, *Statewide Health Coordinating Council*

Dr. Karl Eschbach, Texas State Demographer

Dr. Stacey Silverman, Director, Academic Research and Grant Programs,
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Panel II - Recommendations for Moving Forward

Dr. Ben Raimer, Chair, *Statewide Health Coordinating Council*

Dr. Alexia Green, Co-Leader, *Texas Team*

Becky Conditt, Executive Director, *Texas Rural Health Association*

Panel III - Health Care Professionals' Perspective

Dr. Dan Stultz, President/CEO, *Texas Hospital Association*

Dr. Douglas Murphy, President, *Texas Society of Allied Health Professions*

Dr. R. Michael Ragain, Chair, *Texas Medical Association Council on Medical Education*

Dr. Rick Black, Chair, *Texas Dental Association Council on Legislative and Regulatory Affairs*

Dr. Susan Sportsman, President, *Texas Nurses Association*

Lynda Woolbert, Executive Director, *Texas Coalition for Nurses in Advance Practice*

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V. Other Business

VI. Recess